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February 7th.

MR. LEA, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read :

From the Natural History Association of Halle, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings, vol. 6, No. 6, and transmitting the volume of Memoirs of that Society, announced this evening.

From the Trustees of the New York State Library, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings, vol. 6, No. 12.

From Mrs. M. K. Wetherill, dated Philadelphia, Feb. 1st, 1854, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the Resolution adopted Dec. 27, 1853.

From Dr. W. P. Gibbons, Corresponding Secretary of the California Academy of Natural Sciences, dated San Francisco, Dec. 31, 1853, accompanying the botanical specimens presented this evening.

Mr. Lea read a paper entitled "Rectification of Mr. T. A. Conrad's Synopsis of the Family of Naiades of North America, published in the Proceedings of the Acad. Nat. Sciences of Philadelphia, February, 1853." Referred to Dr. Leidy, Prof. Haldeman and Dr. Wilson.

February 21st.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Letters were read :

From Lieut. D. M. Couch, U. S. A., dated Washington, Feb. 7th, 1854, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a *Correspondent*.

From the Imperial Society of Naturalists of Moscow, dated October 6th, 1852, transmitting the numbers of the Bulletin of that Society announced this evening.

From M. Vauquelin, dated Paris, Aug. 20th, 1853, transmitting a pamphlet on the subject of certain instruments, and a new suture for the treatment of Ectropion, invented by him.

The Corresponding Secretary read from the Placer Times and Transcript, (published at San Francisco,) Jan. 14th, 1854, an extract from the Proceedings of the California Academy of Natural Sciences, claiming priority of description of viviparous fish inhabiting the Bay of San Francisco, for Dr. Wm. P. Gibbons. Dr. Gibbons proposes the generic name *Holeonote*, and for one species *H. Agassizi*. For another species the California Academy proposed *H. Gibbonsensis*.

Dr. Le Conte presented a paper for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Descriptions of some Coleoptera from Oregon, collected by Dr. J. G. Cooper, &c., &c.;" and also a second paper entitled "Synopsis of the *Edemeridæ* of the United States;" both of which were referred to Dr. Zantzing, Prof. Haldeman and Mr. Cooke.